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Office Action Summary

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on January 07, 2005 & June 03, 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 2-7, 9-25 and 28-40 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 8, 26 and 27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 02/12/04 & 09/22/04
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Species III, Sub-species B in the reply filed on June 03, 2005 is acknowledged. Accordingly, claims 2-7, 28 and 29 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b).

Claims 9-13 and 31 are objected to as not encompassing the elected embodiment. Claim 9 recites a second preloaded spring "biasing the first magnetic member (28'') towards the second position (right)" (emphasis added). Spring 60 of the Fig. 4 embodiment does not bias the spool 28'' toward the second position (right). Claim 12 recites a "zero nonmagnetic gap" which tailors the claim to the embodiment of Fig. 1 as described at page 9, line 19. Claim 30 recites a "holding electric current". This subject matter tailors the claim to the embodiment of Sub-species A as described at page 9, line 19 through page 10, line 3. Claim 31 recites a spaced position "closer to the first position". The "spaced position" (term not actually found in the specification) of the Fig. 4 embodiment is around 75% as described at page 17, line 23.

Accordingly, claims 9-13 and 30-32 are also withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b).

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: Page 15, line 19, "spring" apparently should be --spool--; and page 16, line 1, "48" apparently should be

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Appropriate correction is required.

3. The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required: Proper antecedent basis for the "first and second magnetic members" set forth in claims 1 and 26, and the "method" steps set forth in claims 26 and 27, could not be found in the specification. Applicant is reminded claim terminology in mechanical cases should appear in the descriptive portion of the specification by reference to the drawing(s).

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1, 8, 26 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kolchinsky et al.

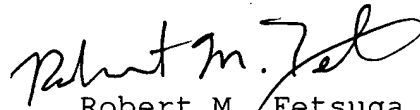
The Kolchinsky et al. (Kolchinsky) reference discloses an actuator comprising: first 15 and second 32 (left one in Fig. 2) magnetic members; a first electromagnetic coil 20; a first preloaded spring 35 (right one in Fig. 2); and a second

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electromagnetic coil 24, as claimed. The first position is to the right in Fig. 2, and the second position is to the left.

6. Applicant is referred to MPEP 714.02 and 608.01(o) in responding to this Office action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Robert M. Fetsuga at telephone number 571/272-4886 who can be most easily reached Monday through Thursday.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert M. Fetsuga", is written over the typed name.

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